

A called meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:09 p.m., May 17, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice (arrived at 7:17 p.m.); Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest.

Members absent: Councilman Larry D. Brookshier.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting as being a work session on the proposed Fiscal Year 1994-95 budget.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following called meeting notice:

**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING**

You are hereby notified that there will be a Called Meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, on May 17, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia, for the following purpose: Work session on proposed Fiscal Year 1994-95 budget.

Mr. Barry Thompson, Assistant City Manager, reviewed revisions made to the proposed budget since the Council meeting of April 26, 1994.

The City Manager indicated that an increase has been made in the proposed budget for consultant fees for the Water Rate Study upon recommendation by the Water & Sewer Committee.

Councilman Rice arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Members of Council and the staff discussed various items in the proposed budget.

Discussion ensued regarding including in the proposed budget a line item in the amount of \$150,000 for consolidation planning purposes.

Members of Council discussed reinstating in the proposed budget the After-School Enrichment Program at Bedford Elementary School in the amount of \$8,000.

A discussion ensued regarding purchases made by the City from local businesses. Several members of Council indicated that they had received complaints that the City did not purchase enough from local businesses.

The City Manager stated the purchasing ordinance will be reviewed and the staff will return to Council with some recommendations.

Councilman Rice indicated that he would not vote for the proposed budget as it was presented.

Discussion ensued.

The City's Consolidation Study Committee scheduled a meeting for May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.